

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By Vice Chair Janna Taylor, on February 20, 2007  
at 9 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck (R)  
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)  
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 466, HB 462, HB 97, HB 283, HB  
533, HB 727, 2/15/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 466**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:34 Rep. Rick Jore (C), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB  
466, Revise criminal accountability.  
00:06:10 Rep. Jayne assumed the chair

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:16 June Hermanson, self, Helena  
00:07:38 Rep. Janna Taylor

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:20 Rep. Ripley  
00:09:04 Rep. Jore  
00:09:35 Rep. Callahan  
00:13:58 Rep. Jore  
00:16:32 Rep. Jore  
00:17:25 Rep. Callahan  
00:17:38 Rep. Taylor assumed the chair  
00:18:04 Rep. Sesso  
00:19:45 Rep. Hawk  
00:20:31 Mr. Moe  
00:22:08 Rep. Beck

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:23:14 Rep. Jore

**HEARING ON HB 462**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:35 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB  
462, Regulate constituent accounts.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:25:33 Elizabeth Andrews, Montana Common Cause

**Informational Testimony:**

00:27:15 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:29:11 Rep. Jayne

00:31:13 Mr. Unsworth

00:32:36 Rep. Jayne

00:32:51 Rep. Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:31 Rep. Sands

**HEARING ON HB 97**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:28 Rep. Debby Barrett (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 97, Revise procedure for review of administrative rules.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:35:25 Rep. Kasten

00:37:40 Rep. Barrett

00:38:10 Rep. Morgan

00:38:38 Rep. Barrett

00:38:55 Rep. Taylor

00:39:06 Rep. Barrett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:40 Rep. Barrett

00:40:15 Break

**HEARING ON HB 283**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:45:44 Rep. Margaret Campbell (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 283, Increase amount for non-beneficiary students.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:53:16 Rep. Morgan  
00:58:35 Rep. Campbell  
00:58:52 Rep. Franklin  
00:59:31 Rep. Campbell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:42 Rep. Campbell

**HEARING ON HB 533**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:00:35 Rep. Duane Ankney (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 533, Increase coal board funding.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:02:21 Willie Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Gas and Coal Board

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01:04:57 Gary Fjelsted, Rosebud County Commissioner

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:07:05 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:09:01 Rep. Ankney

**HEARING ON HB 727**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:11:07 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 727, Revise eligibility requirements for certain benefits.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:16:12 Lou Thompson, Chief, Mental Health Services Bureau

01:16:53 Cathy McGowan, Contracted Community Health Centers

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:18:23 Rep. Lange

01:20:22 Vice Chair Taylor announced that Rep. Sinrud was not available, and would present HB 547 this afternoon, 2/20/07, at 3PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:25 A.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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